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Free summer meal program for youth starts June 22

Thousands of Seattle children ages 1 through 18 will enjoy free breakfasts and lunches this summer through the Seattle Human Services Department's Summer Food Service Program. The U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded program, also known as "Summer Sack Lunch," is open to children at qualifying sites. From June 22 through August 21, the meals will be served at approximately 100 sites across the city. These include designated community centers, Seattle park playgrounds, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs and YWCAs, and other community sites throughout Seattle and parts of King County.

Meals for children enrolled in programs: Some of these sites (about 30) offer the food program to children enrolled in specific activity programs. Meals are served to all children enrolled in the program for free. However, 50 percent or more of the children enrolled must be from families that are at or below the levels in the following table:

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Yearly Income</i>	<i>Monthly Income</i>	<i>Weekly Income</i>
1	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$370
2	25,900	2,159	499
3	32,580	2,714	627
4	39,220	3,269	755
5	45,880	3,824	883
6	52,540	4,379	1,011
7	59,200	4,934	1,139
8	65,860	5,489	1,267
Each add'l family member:	+ 6,660	+ 555	+ 129

Meals open to public: The majority of sites (about 70) will offer meals to the public and all children 18 years old and younger can come to have a meal.

For a complete list of sites and hours for the Summer Food Service Program, please call 206-386-1140 or visit

http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/children_families/nutrition/summer_food.htm.

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